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Senator Bye, Representative Willis and distinguished members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee,

I am in support of *Senate Bill 476, An Act Requiring Input from Local Manufacturers in Developing Manufacturing Technology Programs at the Regional Community-Technical Colleges.*

This legislation would require input from local manufacturers to their area community-technical colleges as colleges develop and expand their existing manufacturing technology programs.

Input from these private sector job creators will ensure that the programs offered by the colleges are in step with manufacturing industries' demands.

We all want to help to ensure that community-technical college students are best equipped for good jobs when they graduate. We want the supply of graduates to meet the current demands of the manufacturing industry.

This legislation will strengthen the manufacturing technology programs at our community colleges. It will also bolster our manufacturing sector as a whole and direct more Connecticut's residents into high-quality jobs.

I urge the committee to support this legislation.

Thank You.

Art Linares
State Senator